

I think you should oppose the National Association of Broadcasters' petition 04-160. XM Satellite Radio currently offers 24-hour, seven-days-a-week, traffic and weather information for 16 major metropolitan areas, each with their own channel. AM and FM typically have traffic reports only during weekday rush hours. They often do not identify what city they are in, and their weather reports come maybe hourly, if that, and they are very vague. XM has specific information on traffic back-ups due to weather such as tornadoes, etc., road construction and accidents, as well as rush hour traffic. The detailed weather information keeps you informed minute by minute of where the storms are and where they are going. In most cases, they also offer ways to avoid these delays; and all this is provided 24/7, even on holidays. AM and FM stations do not offer anything even close to this type of comprehensive coverage of traffic and weather conditions, let alone how to avoid trouble! .

Truckers find XM's traffic and weather reports to be especially helpful. With the new 14-hour laws regulating the length of time truckers can work, it is more important than ever to avoid delays. If we are willing to pay for this service, how can broadcasters or anyone else tell us that we can't have it? This comprehensive 24-hour service is not offered on AM or FM at any price.

Being a trucker, having access to 24-hour access to traffic and weather conditions is increasingly important in order to make your deliveries on time on today's busy highways. I hope that you don't listen to the NAB and take away this wonderful service that I and many others have come to rely upon.